

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend page 1, line 1 as follows:**

~~DESCRIPTION~~ TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

**Please insert on page 1, immediately following the title of the invention:**

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

**Please amend page 1, line 6 as follows:**

~~Technical Field~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) FIELD OF THE INVENTION

**Please amend page 1, line 16 as follows:**

~~Background Art~~ (2) DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 17 as follows:**

A polystyrene resin is ~~useused~~ in a wide variety of fields such as components of office automation equipment, home electric appliances and automobiles due to excellent impact resistance and moldability. However, its use is limited due to its flammability. As a method for making the polystyrene resin flame-retardant, addition of a halogen compound, a phosphorus compound or an inorganic compound as a flame retardant is known, so that a certain degree of flame retardancy is achieved by the addition. However, to increase the degree of safety of products, regulations on molded articles in office automation equipment and home electric appliances by a flame retardancy test based on SUBJECT 94 of Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Inc. which is a standard in U.S. have been becoming increasingly strict year by year, and a higher degree of flame-retardancy is desired.

**Please amend page 4, lines 12 and 13 as follows:**

~~Preferred Embodiment of the Invention~~

~~Means for solving the problems~~ BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

**Please insert on page 4, between lines 30 and 31:**

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION